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In re Application of:

ECKHARD ALT : Group Art Unit _____
Serial No. (not yet assigned) : Examiner: _____
Filed: Herewith (12/12/00) :

Title: IMPLANTABLE VASCULAR AND ENDOLUMINAL STENTS

APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL AND FEE CALCULATION LETTER

1. This application for a utility patent is a continuation of co-pending Ser. No. 09/186,573, which is a continuation of Ser. No. 08/599,880, consisting of 54 pages of specification (although the original claims are canceled and new claims 93-100 added by Preliminary Amendment filed herewith) 1 page abstract, cover sheet and 3 sheets (11 Figures) of formal drawings. Priority of co-pending application Ser. No. 09/186,573, and through it, of Ser. No. 08/599,880, is claimed as a continuation thereof.
2. The Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney and Assignments of the parent application are incorporated herein by reference, but a Statement of Declaration of Inventors is submitted herewith.
3. Verified Statements of Small Entity Status have been filed in the parent application and remain applicable here. Therefore, the filing fee has been calculated on a small entity basis as follows:

| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|------|--------------|-----------|---|-----------|
| | Number filed | | Number extra | Rate | | Basic Fee |
| | | | | | | \$355.00 |
| Total Claims | 8 | - 20 | = 0 | x \$ 9.00 | = | 0.00 |
| Indep Claims | 2 | - 3 | = 0 | x \$40.00 | = | 0.00 |
| | Filing Fee Calculation | | | | | \$355.00 |

4. A Preliminary Amendment, IDS and related patent copies are enclosed herewith. No fee payment is being made at this time.


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I hereby certify that the following attached papers:

- (1) Application including specification (54 pages, including original claims 1-60 which are canceled by Preliminary Amendment (adding claims 93-100), one page Abstract, and cover sheet), and formal drawings (3 sheets);
- (2) Copy of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney from prior co-pending application Ser. No. 09/186,573, in turn from Ser. No. 08/599,880, of which this application is a continuation, and Statement Requesting Deletion of Inventors;
- (3) Preliminary Amendment, including new Abstract;
- (4) Application Transmittal and Fee Calculation Letter, and PTO Form SB/05);
- (5) Information Disclosure Statement and copies of patents cited therein; and
- (6) Postcard (stamped, addressed) for acknowledging receipt.

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STATEMENT REQUESTING DELETION OF INVENTORS

A copy of the executed declaration submitted in co-pending Serial No. 09/186,573, and originally submitted in Serial No. 08/599,880, is filed herewith as part of the instant application which is a continuation of those prior applications.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2), it is requested that the names of Thilo Fliedner, Robert Alter and Axel Stemberger be deleted from this application because none of those persons is an inventor of the invention claimed in this continuation application.



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